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Extension of Harbour

* 106 *Q.*—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to lease further a portion of the foreshore in front of the Fort St. George to the Government of India for purposes of extension of the Harbour; and

(*b*) if so, the extent of area proposed to be leased out and the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Am I to understand that the exension will stop where it is now or that the Government will allow the use of some more land on the Beach?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Both the question and the answer are a little trickish. The hon. Member wants to know whether any further extension will be made and the answer is 'No'. Now, the whole area from the " Kelly's Drain " up to the mouth of the Cooum river has been given over for harbour extension except a portion for the Cooum Mouth River Development and a portion for Defence purposes. The long stretch along the road will be made a park and made available to the public.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Is the Hon. Minister aware of the very strong sentiments on the part of the citizens of Madras about the ceding away of so much land down south which has denied particularly the citizens in the north of Madras the use of the Beach?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Apart from the strong sentiments of the people, the Public Health Minister had very, very strong sentiments and did not want to part with the land. But he had to bow due to force of circumstances. Development of commerce is very necessary and so I had to bow.

Health Officers

* 107 *Q.*—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of vacancies in the post of Health Officers in the Madras Public Health Service advertised in 1958–59 and 1959–60; and

(*b*) the number recruited?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Fifty-eight vacancies in 1958–59 and sixty-nine in 1959–60 were advertised by the Madras Public Service Commission.

(*b*) Three candidates in 1958–59 and two in 1959–60 were selected by the Commission.

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SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : From the answer given by the Hon. Minister it is seen only three of the 48 vacancies in 1958–59 and two of the 69 vacancies in 1959–60 were filled up. May I know how the Government propose to fill up the rest of the vacancies? It is an important matter. Therefore, may I know how the Government are going to fill up the gap?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Now the scheme is this. The recent rise in the pay scales will attract more people. The next is, we are going to give preference to recruitment to Public Health Service over the other Medical Services. That is another, and thirdly, we are going to fill up the gap by giving training to Science graduates. If they are given a little training and made acquire some knowledge of public health, they will be good enough. Further we are trying to post senior Health Inspectors and others to be in-charge of II and III class municipalities, relieving them from I class municipalities.

SRI S. NATARAJAN : What is the special training for these health officers? Is there any special training for them?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : We are going to create one.

SRI S. NATARAJAN : You have advertised the posts but no provision has been made for the training of Health Officers.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : In the ordinary way, there is some training. But since people are not forthcoming, we want to circumvent it and see whether we could not train Science graduates for that purpose. Medical graduates are not necessary for it. So we want to take Science graduates and give them training.

SRI S. NATARAJAN : Are we to take it that during the last two years or so, when the Government had been advertising these posts and only two or three applicants were forthcoming and were appointed, the whole scheme of Public Health inspection and so on was kept in abeyance?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Not that way. Till now we expected medical graduates to come in.

SRI S. NATARAJAN : The posts were unfilled. How were these services carried on?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : In the case of the municipalities, the Commissioners were in additional charge of the work of these Health Officers.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Is not the qualification of a Health Officer, M.B., B.S., and that of the Health Inspector a little lower than that?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : It is very much lower. That is why, I said, the idea is to have health inspectors posted to small II or III class municipalities.

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SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : They would be posted straightway or after training?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : That will depend on each case. A little refresher course, if necessary, will be given.

Maternity and Child Welfare Centres

* 108 Q.—SRI M. ETHIRAJALU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of maternity and child welfare centres opened in the Block Development areas during the years 1956–57 and 1957–58; and

(b) the number of patients treated in those centres?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) One hundred and nineteen in 1956–57 and hundred in 1957–58.

(b) About three lakhs and nine thousand patients were treated in these centres during 1956–57 to 1957–58.

SRI M. ETHIRAJALU: தாய்சேய் நல விடுதிகளில் எத்தனை மெடெர்னிடி அஸிஸ்டெண்ட்ஸ் வேலை பார்க்கிறார்கள், எத்தனை மெடெர்னிடி அஸிஸ்டெண்டுகளை இதுவரை நியமிக்கவில்லை ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: இந்தக் கணக்கு விவரம் இப்போது என்னிடம் இல்லை. உதாரணத்திற்காகச் சொல்ல வேண்டுமானால், பிரைமரி ஹெல்த் ஸெண்டரில் 2 மெடெர்னிடி அஸிஸ்டெண்டுகளும், ஹெல்த் இன்ஸ்பெக்டரும் இருக்கிறார்கள் என்று ஒரு ஜாபிதா இருக்கிறது என்று சொல்ல விரும்புகிறேன். மெடெர்னிடி அண்ட் சைல்ட் வெல்பேர் ஸென்டரிலும் இந்த மாதிரி இவர்கள் நியமிக்கப்படுகிறார்கள்.

Anicut across the river Nagari

* 109. Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the proposal of the Andhra State Government to construct an anicut across the river Nagari;

(b) whether the experts have been consulted as to the possible effect of the proposal on the water-suply to Poondi and Madras City; and

(c) the steps taken to safeguard the interests of the State in the matter?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (a) & (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The matter has been placed before the Inter-State Problems Committee of the Southern Zonal Council for consideration. This Government have also lodged a protest with the Government of Andhra Pradesh and the Government of India and their replies are awaited.